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ILLINOIS EQUAL JUSTICE FOUNDATION ELECTS OFFICERS FOR FY 2015

Welcomes Two New Board Members

(CHICAGO).....The Illinois Equal Justice Foundation (IEJF), the not-for-profit entity responsible for distributing and monitoring the state appropriation for civil legal aid for low-income families and individuals, announces its leadership team for fiscal year 2014.

At its Annual Meeting on June 17, 2014, the Board of Directors unanimously re-elected for another one year term **Daniel P. Broadhurst** of Natoma Partners, LLC as President, **Margaret A. Daley** of Duff & Phelps as Vice President, **Richard M. Levin** of Bank of America Merrill Lynch as Treasurer and **Joseph Torres** of Winston & Strawn as Secretary.

The Board also elected two new members: **Deborah Golden** of GATX Corporation and **Lauren Meachum** of Meachum & Starck. New members are eligible to serve two three-year terms.

These new members join the officers listed above as well as the following Board directors: **Dorothy Capers** of US Foods, Inc.; **Kendric Cobb** of Caterpillar, Inc.; **Keith Emmons** of Meyer Capel; **Ron Gould** of DLA Piper; **Mary Ann Hynes** of Dentons; the Honorable **Patricia Reid Lindner**, Illinois State Representative (retired); **Joseph Q. McCoy** of Bryan Cave LLP; **Faustin A. Pipal, Jr.** of Pipal & Berg LLP; **Jennifer A. Shaw** of The Shaw Law Group, P.C.; **Lisa C. Snow** of Davis & Hosfield LLC; **Joseph A. Strubbe** of Vedder Price; and **Maria Wynne** of Leadership Greater Chicago.

Four members retired at the Annual Meeting. A fond farewell was said to **Theodore Chung** of Jones Day, **Carolyn Clift** of Health Care Services Corporation (retired), **Dana Green** of Walgreens (retired) and **Karen Hasara**, former Mayor of Springfield (retired).

State funding for civil legal aid is appropriated through the Illinois Equal Justice Act and housed in the Attorney General's budget. The Act, approved by the General Assembly and signed into law in 1999, recognizes the State's responsibility to ensure equal access to the legal system. It sets forth a wide range of innovative, cost-effective initiatives to help low-income people understand the legal system and resolve their routine legal problems more effectively. The Act also created the Illinois Equal Justice Foundation to distribute the State's appropriation for civil legal aid to not-for-profit organizations throughout the state.

In December 2014, the IEJF awarded over \$1.3 million in grants to 13 not-for-profit organizations to provide civil legal assistance to families and seniors in legal crisis. Since its inception, IEJF grant funds have increased access to the civil justice system for over 520,000 Illinoisans.

To learn more about the Illinois Equal Justice Foundation, please visit www.iejf.org.

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